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Homophobic jokes still common, local LGBT representative says

The Toronto Blue Jays' Yunel Escobar, right, attends a news conference at Yankee Stadium in New York on Tuesday, with Blue Jays manager John Farrell, left, and coach Luis Rivera. Escobar was suspended for three games by the Blue Jays for wearing eye-black displaying a homophobic slur written in Spanish during last Saturday's game against the Boston Red Sox. INSET: Escobar is shown Saturday wearing the sun-glare stickers with the slur on them.

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Fallout. Toronto Blue Jays' Yunel Escobar has been given a 3-game suspension by the club for wearing eye-black with a homophobic slur

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A representative from a Saskatchewan LGBT organization says that while she's glad Blue Jays player Yunel Escobar apologized for writing a homophobic slur under his eyes, homophobic jokes are still commonly told.

"Sports is a place where homophobia is really rampant," said Emily Striker, administrative co-ordinator for the Avenue Community Centre. "Hopefully this will be a message to all athletes that homophobia is not a good way to go about your life."

She says that here in Saskatchewan, homophobic jokes are still common in schools and universities across the province. "The best way to fight against that is education."

Blue Jays shortstop Escobar apologized Tuesday for playing a recent game with a homophobic slur written in Spanish under his eyes, an action that resulted in a three-game suspension.

Several pictures posted online showed Escobar with the message written on his eye-black stickers, which are often worn under the eyes to reduce the sun's glare.

The team announced the suspension after Escobar and team officials met with representatives from Major League Baseball and the Major League Baseball Players Association. Escobar, flanked by general manager Alex Anthopoulos and manager John Farrell at an afternoon news conference, apologized for his actions.

"Honestly it's been a terrible experience in my life and career," Escobar said through a translator. "It's something I'm sorry for and something I won't do again."

Escobar had written under his eyes "TU ERE MARICON," which can be translated as "You are a faggot."

The player said he was embarrassed by his actions.

"It was just a joke," Escobar said through the interpreter. "It was my idea but it wasn't directed at anyone in particular."

Escobar said he has friends who are gay and has nothing against homosexuals.

"What came out through all of this is the lack of education," said Anthopoulos. "It's not just an issue in sports; it's an issue in life.... It's clear the problem isn't going away and this is just an example of it."

The stickers were worn during Saturday's home game against the Boston Red Sox.

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Moving forward

- Escobar's forfeited salary will go to You Can Play and the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation.
- Escobar will also participate in a sensitivity training program in accordance with the team and MLB.

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Mobile news

It's been a rough couple of weeks for Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney. Scan the code to see yet another behind-the-scenes video that has shocked critics, this one allegedly capturing Romney talking about Chinese workers.

Matt Haines, left, and David Gerhard tinker with electronics in their newly-acquired hackerspace. JEFF MACKEY/METRO

City tinkers with first hackerspace

A place to learn. The lab has nothing to do with hacking computers, but figuring out how electronics work

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Regina's CrashBangLabs is part of a growing trend establishing spaces around the world for creators of all sorts to meet, collaborate, and share their expertise.

Members of the hackerspace pay a monthly fee in exchange for use of lab space and equipment to learn and complete projects, but the greatest resource of membership is the networking.

"A lot of the culture behind these spaces is very co-operative. You don't just join to get access to tools; you join to be part of a community," said CrashBangLabs co-founder Matt Haines.

"You show up on any day and meet people with a wide variety of backgrounds and this allows for a really interesting cross-fertilization of ideas," added David Gerhard, co-founder of CrashBangLabs.

Creative space

- **Problem solving.** While the term "hack" can mean to illegally infiltrate computers, in this case it refers to tinkering with and creating electronics, computer programming and engineering. "For us a hack is a clever or non-traditional solution to a difficult problem," said David Gerhard, co-founder of Regina's CrashBangLabs. "What we do is take stuff apart and figure out how it works and then rebuild it in a different way."
- **Technology hub.** These spaces are becoming increasingly popular around the world and their presence has already caught the eye of the private sector. "Hackerspaces really create a technological hub in a city," said Haines. "A lot of companies want to get in on that because it is a great place to find new employees and find really creative, smart people."

Trial

Sensenberger back in court Thursday

Maygan Sensenberger, the 23-year-old wife of Manitoban Senator Rod Zimmer, 69, will be back in court on Sept. 20 after both prosecution and defence lawyers agreed they wouldn't have enough time to deal with the matter in a crowded courtroom Tuesday.

Although neither Sensenberger nor Zimmer was in court Tuesday, her defence attorney, Leslie Sullivan, told reporters if they had tried to address the issue today, it would have been, "very rushed."

"This domestic violence court is a very busy, crowded court and as you could see from today, the docket was very long and when we deal with this case it's going to take a little more time than normal," said Sullivan.

Sensenberger has been charged with uttering threats and causing a disturbance after Crown prosecutors say she allegedly threatened to slit the throat of her husband while on a flight from Ottawa to Saskatoon.

A more serious charge of endangering the safety of an aircraft was withdrawn.

Sensenberger was arrested by the Saskatoon Police Service on Aug. 23.

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Fundraiser

Ronald McDonald House kicks off capital campaign

Ronald McDonald House Saskatchewan (RMHS) kicked off their new capital campaign on Tuesday afternoon with donations of more than $500,000 to start the drive. The RMHS hopes to raise $8 million for the expansion of the Saskatoon house.

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6 Sask. authors you should keep an eye on

Saskatchewan holds on strong as a literary powerhouse

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1 Mitch Spray

Spray's most recent collection of poetry, The History of Naming Cows, has been hailed as a moving portrayal of life and death on a prairie farm. Spray takes inspiration from his memories of growing up on a small farm near Okla, Sask.

2 Gail Bowen

With a strong female lead and Saskatchewan as the backdrop, Bowen weaves a mystery series that takes place in the political world of the province. The 13th book in the series, Kaleidoscope, was released in April of this year.

3 Alice Kuipers

Her bestselling book, Life on the Refrigerator Door, got Kuipers noticed. While her novels are aimed at the young adult crowd, her stories — including her most recent, 40 Things I Want To Tell You — manage to grasp the attention of readers of all ages.

4 Jeff Park

When he isn't teaching at the College of Education, Park is talking about writing, writing about writing or just writing. Most recently, he has published The Cellophane Sky — a collection of poems that explores the world of jazz.

5 Wes Funk

As last year's Word on The Street emcee and host of local TV show Lit' Happens, Funk is a proud Saskatchewan author. He recently released his third novel Cherry Blossoms to rave reviews.

6 Yann Martel

His book Life of Pi made him a literary superstar, but he's still a humble member of Saskatoon's Nutana neighbourhood. While the Life of Pi is awaiting its Hollywood debut, Martel is releasing a collection of letters to Stephen Harper in October.

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Dubai's iconic Burj Khalifa skyscraper — standing more than 828 metres tall with more than 160 storeys — towers over the city's modern skyline. ALI ZAFAR/METRO

Freedom of speech meets an Orwellian reproach inside a Middle East newsroom, as Metro copy editor Ali Zafar discovered while working as a reporter for an English-language paper in Dubai

UAE decree widens gulf between news, propaganda

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As a Canadian journalist heading to the Middle East to work for a local newspaper, I expected to face some censorship.

But I got more than I bargained for when I left my post in April as a copy editor for Metro in Toronto to take up a four-month-long stint as a city reporter for the Khaleej Times, an English-language newspaper in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE).

It began with paragraphs of text conspicuously missing from a story I wrote citing reports that the Saudi Grand Mufti, Sheikh Abdulaziz Al al-Shaikh, the highest authority on Islamic affairs in neighbouring Saudi Arabia, called for the destruction of all churches in the Arabian Peninsula, which is where the UAE is located.

"The grand mufti is off limits," one of the editors told me when I approached him with my story in shambles.

I quickly learned that the mufti wasn't the only subject matter I was to never write about.

The UAE's territorial dispute with Iran — located across the Persian Gulf — over the ownership of several islands also led to a clampdown on stories.

Suddenly, we weren't allowed to call the body of water straddling the UAE the Persian Gulf anymore, as it has been referred to for more than 2,000 years.

It's the Arabian Gulf.

And punishment for misusing the term was swift: We'd be likely fired and subsequently deported as everyone in the newsroom at the time was an expatriate. Unfortunately, a web editor who accidentally let the term Persian Gulf pass through on an online story was put on leave without pay.

I didn't see him in the newsroom again.

If getting rid of the online editor didn't hit home the message, an email — written in all-caps — sent out by the executive editor (also an expatriate) to the entire newsroom made it clear to "NEVER EVER USE THE PERSIAN GULF. It is always ARABIAN GULF."

The email went on to say that "nothing derogatory about the UAE should be allowed to appear at any cost," in the online comments section of the newspaper.

Reporters were also told to "not write stories that will damage the image of the UAE."

I was stunned.

It had only been a bit over a month since my move to Dubai and here I was feeling like Winston from George Orwell's 1984.

I began seeing Dubai in a different light while driving home that day.

Everything had an Orwellian aura to it, from Dubai Ruler Sheikh Mohammed's massive portraits plastered across the city, to the unflinching and often forced love the majority of Emiratis — the locals of the UAE — have for their country's leaders.

This archaic sense of freedom of expression sharply contrasts with Dubai's over-the-top modernity, which is characterized by superlatives.

The world's biggest mall and tallest building are located in Dubai, not to mention the plethora of glistening skyscrapers rising out of the desert.

But while the city's appearance has launched it well into the 21st century, its lack of freedom of speech leaves a void that makes you wonder if all the glitz is nothing more than a mirage in the sand.

Women walk through one of Old Dubai's many souks, or markets, which sharply contrast with the city's state-of-the-art malls. ALI ZAFAR/METRO

Facts about UAE & Dubai

- While the UAE is conservative compared to the West, it's noticeably more progressive than its neighbour Saudi Arabia. Women are allowed to drive in the UAE and there are several churches and Hindu temples.
- The state religion is Islam and Arabic is the official language, although you can get by on English and, on many occasions, Urdu or Hindi in the urban centres.
- Alcohol is served in most tourist hot spots and you often hear the Islamic call to prayer not far from the blaring sound of the many nightclubs in Dubai.
- UAE is composed of seven emirates or states, with each emirate having its own monarch or sheikh.
- The country was formed on Dec. 2, 1971, by the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, considered to be the founding father of the UAE.

- The latest statistics show the UAE has a population of 8.19 million, with 16.5 per cent, or nearly a million of them, Emiratis — making it a country overtaken by expatriates.
- Although there is no legal dress code in the UAE, there has been a recent push by Emiratis to call for more stringent rules on what's deemed appropriate public attire. It's recommended for women to keep arms covered to the elbows, avoid low-cut tops, and wear skirts below the knee. Men should never be bare-chested on city streets and need to avoid wearing sleeveless shirts. At the beach, however, these rules don't apply as you'll see both men and women in swimwear.
- Public displays of affection are frowned upon and a kiss on the lips can lead you to the police station. There have been cases of couples being jailed, fined and subsequently deported for kissing in public.

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England

Fugitive allegedly kills two officers

Two unarmed officers were gunned down by a wanted fugitive in the Manchester area of northern England on Tuesday, police alleged.

Chief Const. Peter Fahy says that Fiona Bone — a 32-year-old who was planning her wedding — and Nicola Hughes, 23, died shortly after the gunman opened fire and set off a grenade in Hattersley, a suburb about 16 kilometres from central Manchester.

The man alleged to have carried out the killings, 29-year-old Dale Cregan, surrendered at a local police station shortly after the incident and was booked on suspicion of murder. Cregan had already been the focus of a manhunt as a suspect in two murders last month.

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Discovery

Ancient text refers to Jesus's wife

A Harvard University professor has unveiled a fourth-century fragment of papyrus that she says is the only existing ancient text that quotes Jesus explicitly referring to having a wife.

Karen King, an expert in the history of Christianity, says the text contains a dialogue in which Jesus refers to "my wife," whom he identified as Mary. King says the fragment of Coptic script is a copy of a gospel, probably written in Greek in the second century.

King unveiled the fragment of the "Gospel of Jesus's Wife" in Rome on Tuesday. She says it doesn't prove Jesus was married but speaks to issues of family that faced Christians.

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Labour dispute

Chicago teachers to return to classes

Chicago's teachers agreed Tuesday to return to the classroom after more than a week on the picket lines, ending a spiteful stalemate with Mayor Rahm Emanuel that put teacher evaluations and job security at the centre of a national debate about the future of public education.

Union delegates voted to formally suspend the strike after discussing details of a proposed contract settlement worked out over the weekend. Classes could resume as early as Wednesday.

The contract will now be submitted to a vote by the full membership of more than 25,000 teachers.

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Official mulls regulation for parties' voter databanks

The federal election watchdog is examining whether regulations are needed to control the use — and abuse — of the voter-identification databanks assembled by political parties.

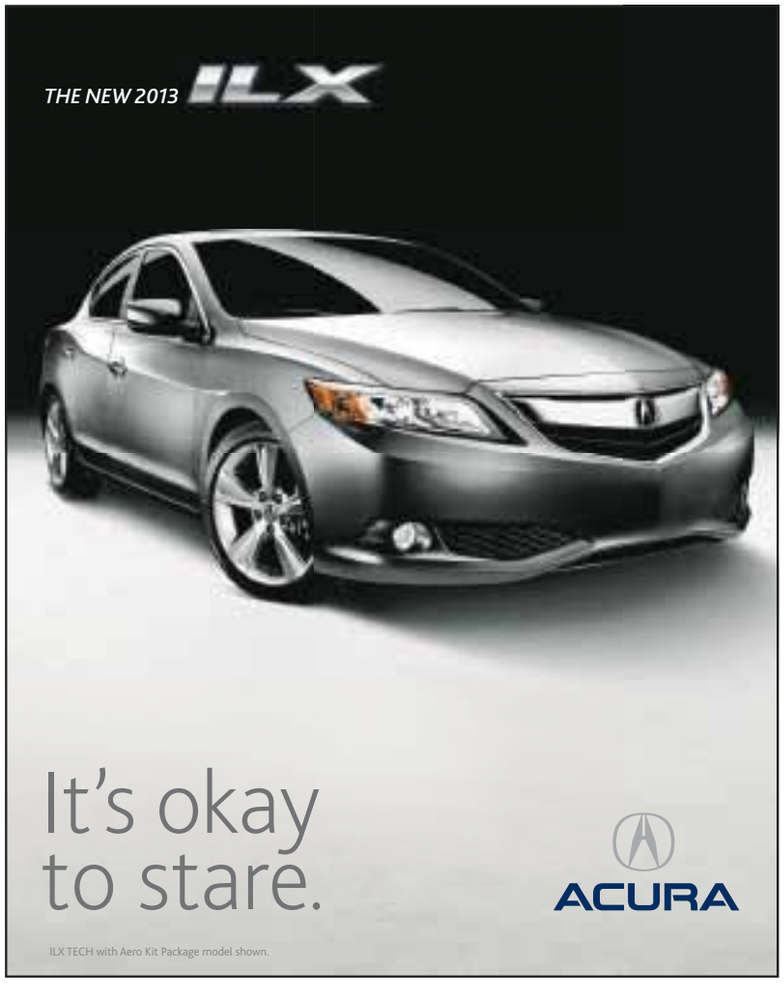
Chief electoral officer Marc Mayrand acknowledged Tuesday that technology has enabled politicians to communicate with and engage voters more easily.

But it's also had a downside, as the so-called robocall affair has exposed.

Elections Canada has received almost 1,400 complaints from voters who say they received automated calls misdirecting them to polling stations for the 2011 election.

Court documents have revealed that the ongoing investigation appears to centre on the Ontario riding of Guelph, though the agency has received complaints from voters in 234 of the country's 308 federal ridings.

Mayrand says he'll report to Parliament by the end of March with recommendations on how to improve election law to prevent the abuse of technology, such as automated phone messages. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Diane Klich, who attempted to cycle across Canada to raise money for children with cancer but broke her collarbone, is undeterred. ALEKSANDRA SAGAN/FOR METRO

Hurt cyclist still eager to go that extra mile for kids

Cross-Canada ride. Woman suffered broken collarbone while raising money for cancer research

Diane Klich was supposed to be cycling another gruelling leg of a 7,000-km journey across Canada today, raising money for children with cancer. Instead, she ended up in hospital after a road accident ended her ride.

While the crash broke her collarbone, her spirit remains intact and she is determined to continue fundraising and eventually finish the trip.

"Me going through one surgery at the age of 37 and my first broken bone is nothing in comparison to what these kids go through," said Klich, her right arm tightly fastened to her chest. "They go through hundreds of treatments and surgeries. Their childhoods are robbed from them."

A newbie cyclist, Klich embarked on the ride with more than 20 others after she realized how cancer has affected so many people in her life. She trained all summer for the 17-day event. But last Friday near Sudbury, Ont., two men in her tightly travelling pack fell in front of her.

"I knew I was going down," she said. "There wasn't a lot of wiggle room where I was."

She suffered a compound fracture in her collarbone and was forced to return home and await surgery. All this, one week before she was due to cross the finish line in Halifax.

Although she was devastated to abandon the once-in-a-lifetime ride, she says, she knew she had achieved her primary goal.

"We were out there to raise awareness and we were out there to raise money, and I did both of those things."

Each national rider is responsible for raising $25,000 for the Coast to Coast Against Cancer Foundation. The organization donates 100 per cent of the proceeds to fund cancer research at Canada's pediatric facilities.

So far, Klich has raised more than $73,000 and she is not ready to stop. She has organized two "Inside Ride" events at schools in the fall where kids will cycle on stationary bikes. The proceeds will be added to her fundraising total. Next year, she hopes to complete another four-day cycling event for the organization.

There is also the possibility of "finishing" the cross-Canada cycle next summer, she says. Relay racers often join the other riders for shorter portions of the journey. Klich is considering cycling the Barrie, Ont.-to-Halifax leg next year — the portion her injury derailed her from.

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Race 101

- Thirty-one national riders signed up to bike across Canada from Sept. 5 to 21.
- The 17-day ride started in White Rock, B.C., and finishes in Halifax.
- National riders cycle relay-style in two teams. Each biker covers about 150 to 250 km of ground daily, depending on the team.

Ontario. Cash trail trips up alleged thief

Windsor, Ont., police arrested an alleged thief on Sunday after following a trail of loose change from a cash drawer.

Police were called to a business at around 6:30 a.m. An employee had heard the sound of glass breaking at the front of the building and decided to investigate. When he got there, he saw a man with a cash drawer from the register. The man ran into the parking lot, got on the employee's bicycle and fled the scene.

The employee tried to chase after him but stopped after being threatened.

A short time later, a witness called to report that they'd seen a man riding a bicycle and holding a cash drawer. The witness saw the man run into a home with loose change falling out of the drawer along the way, according to police.

A trail of change led police in Windsor, Ont., to an alleged thief. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

When officers arrived, they found change littering the front of the home. Police were speaking to the homeowner at the front door when another resident emerged to tell officers someone was hiding in a bedroom closet.

Police headed inside and found a man hiding under a sheet in a closet, with the cash drawer in hand.

Donald Meloche, 42, is charged with break-and-enter, theft, uttering threats, possession of stolen property and unlawfully being in a dwelling.

PHOEBE HO/FOR METRO

Sluggish outlook. Canada's economy has entered 'soft patch': TD Bank forecast

Canada's economy has entered a "soft patch" characterized by a housing correction, below trend growth and weak job creation, TD Bank says in its latest forecast.

The chartered bank said Tuesday the economy will barely eke out one per cent growth during the current third quarter that ends Sept. 30, and end the year with a 1.8 per cent overall advance.

That's three-tenths of a point below the bank's previous projection in June, and also shy of the Bank of Canada's 2.1 per cent target.

TD chief economist Craig Alexander said the revision was necessary because global conditions have deteriorated and the domestic economy is also faring worse than expected, in part because of Ottawa's decision to tighten mortgage rules.

Alexander said Vancouver's housing market was actually cooling before the stricter mortgage rules went into effect July 9, but since then the real impact of the changes has been evident. On Monday, the Canadian Real Estate Association reported August sales of existing homes slipped 5.8 per cent from July and were down 8.9 per cent from a year ago.

"That's what we were anticipating. We were saying that we would probably lose about five percentage points in sales and three percentage points in prices nationally," he said.

Aside from housing, most engines of growth have slowed or retreated in the past few months, led by exports but also including Canada's government sector, which has gone into deficit-reduction mode.

In July, Canada posted a record high trade deficit, with exports plunging 3.4 per cent in the face of soft demand in the U.S. and the strong dollar which makes Canadian shipments less competitive.

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Quoted

"With no engine firing on all cylinders, economic growth is being held to a meek sub-two per cent rate and the jobless rate is stuck above seven per cent." TD Bank forecast

Retailing giant: Big Beckham statues come to H&M stores

English soccer player David Beckham is heading to a trio of Canadian cities in statue form. The larger-than-life versions of the star — shown here in Hollywood on Friday — will appear as part of a "statue stunt" with H&M at the Eaton Centre in Toronto, the Pacific Centre in Vancouver and inside the Montreal H&M at Peel and Sainte-Catherine streets from Tuesday until Sunday.

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Trading up. Apple stock hits $700 US milestone

Apple's stock reached $700 US for the first time on Tuesday, setting a record for the company the day after it announced that orders for its iPhone 5 topped two million in the first 24 hours.

The stock traded as high as $701.44 US in the morning, up a quarter of a per cent from Monday's close. It later fell slightly. It had come within 20 cents of $700 on Monday.

The rally in Apple's stock price puts the company's market value at $656 billion.

The $700 mark is somewhat of an arbitrary milestone for Apple's stock, representing little more than a nice round number and a record high trading level.

The company, after all, already enjoys the distinction as the world's most valuable public company ever. Google Inc., its Silicon Valley neighbour, saw its stock price surpass $700 in 2007.

On Tuesday, Google's stock was trading at $715.24. But the online search leader's market capitalization is well below Apple's at $234.1 billion.

Apple started taking orders for the iPhone 5 at 3 a.m. eastern time Friday.

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By the numbers

$656B

Tuesday's rally put Apple's market value at $656 billion US.

Market Minute

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COMMON DECENCY PREFERRED TO EXPLOITATION

JUST SAYIN'
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No doubt you've been breathlessly following the Case of the Duchess's Nipples, in which the Duchess of Cambridge is photographed without her top on, and when the photos are published, the top of her husband's head blows off.

The heir to the heir to the throne of England must be royally PO'd at the exposure of the crown jewels, especially so soon after the exploits of his brother, Prince Harry the Indiscreet, refused to stay in Vegas.

Now again the headlines are dominated by the exposure of royal private bits, although in this case, the bits have been elevated from common to royal status, which doesn't seem to make them any less valuable to the paparazzi and their customers.

The people are divided: Some believe the duchess should keep her shirt on at all times, as befits her stuck-up station. Others think she should be able to let it all hang out while on vacation, at a private villa, hundreds of metres from a public road, without professional Toms peeping at her through powerful telescopic lenses.

Others are amazed that the royals, naked or otherwise, seem to spend an awful lot of time on vacation, underwritten by the long-suffering British taxpayers.

Missing so far is a discussion of William's feelings. We're all about feelings at Just Sayin', so here goes:

Let us remember that William and Harry's mom, Princess Diana, died while being pursued at high speeds by the paparazzi in a Paris traffic tunnel. No wonder he's furious about the invasion of his wife's privacy. It's happening again, and you and I can only imagine the grief and rage he must be feeling right now.

Like his mother, his wife is being turned into a target, a victim, fresh meat for the tabloids. Kate has done nothing to deserve such vulgar treatment — her behaviour as Junior Royal Superstar has been unassailable, and this is what she gets for playing the game.

If you were William, you'd want to make it stop. So it's not surprising he has filed for — and received — an injunction against the publication of the photos, or that he has sued the photographer.

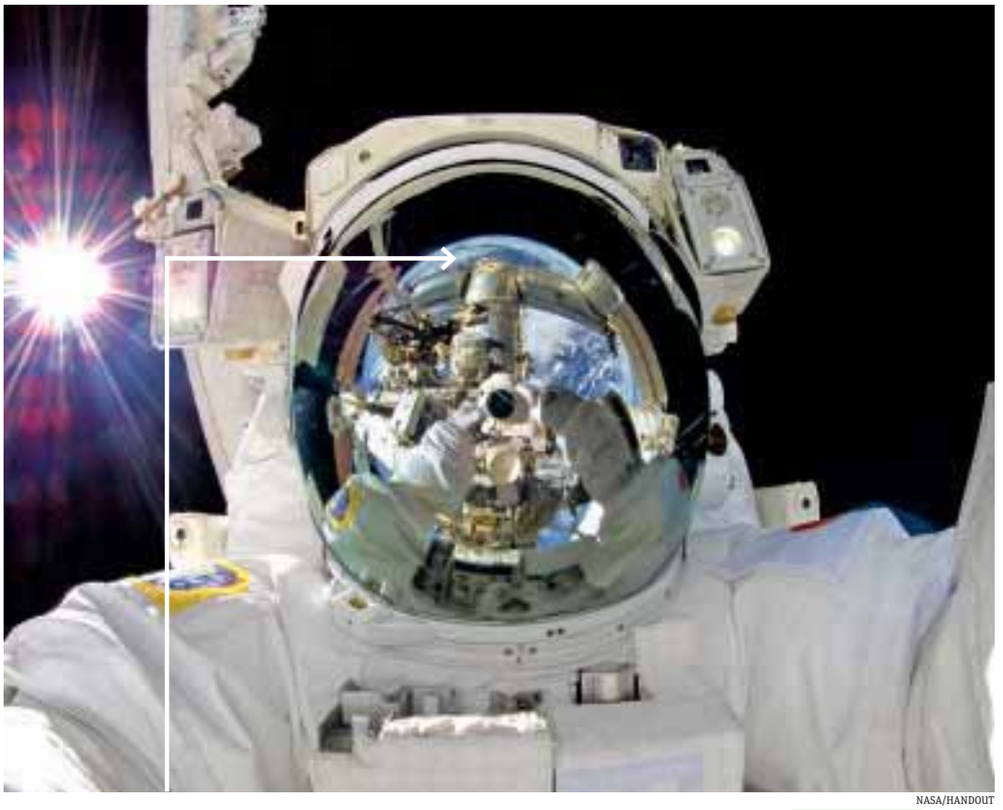
Not that it will do him any good. The best he can hope for is a continuation of the uneasy truce he and his family enjoy with the British media, chastened and weakened as they are by the phone-hacking scandal. But like the shrunken empire, the truce does not extend beyond the English Channel.

As anyone who reads this column (my family and copy editor?) knows, I'm not a big fan of the Royal Family. Talk about a feudal hangover. But I am a big fan of that endangered species, common decency.

Leave the poor woman and her family alone. Let her adjust her tan lines in peace.

The Duchess of Cambridge is seen visiting Assyakirin Mosque during a Diamond Jubilee tour of the Far East last week. The royals have sued the French magazine that published topless photos of Kate. TIM ROOKE/GETTY IMAGES

Good enough for Facebook?



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'Astro'-gram

Spaceman reflects with self-portrait

Everyone loves to take a self-portrait photograph of themselves, astronauts included. International Space Station astronaut Akihiko Hoshide, from Japan, took this stunning snapshot of himself earlier this month during a six-and-a-half-hour spacewalk outside the ISS. The photo was taken using a Nikon DSLR camera. METRO

ISS in numbers

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kilometres was the approximate distance from Earth at which Hoshide took his snapshot on top of the International Space Station. He was travelling at roughly 28,000 kilometres per hour, the orbital speed of the ISS.

ISS maintenance

Toothbrush cleans more than just teeth

For Hoshide and colleague, NASA astronaut Sunita Williams, the spacewalk wasn't just a photograph expedition.

The pair had to properly install some bolts and fix an essential solar power system, and resorted to some makeshift tools — including an improvised wire cleaner and a ordinary toothbrush — to help get the job done.

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Expedition 32

- Three astronauts arrived safely in remote Kazakhstan after 125 days in space.
- Sunita Williams, who holds the record for the longest spaceflight by a woman (195 days), now in charge at ISS, is the second female commander in ISS history. She will return to Earth in November.

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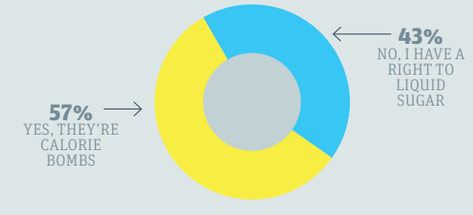

Twitter

@diffnotwealthy: I love this time of year because you can guess the approximate time someone left their house by what they are wearing #ShortsOrPants #yqr

@masonpitzel: #YQR YOU GOIN TO SLOAN, RIGHT?

@jdm_jay: I don't know who is having a bbq in downtown #yqr but they better share #smellssogood #nomnom

@juatisask: Someone please tweet me when it's over.....the pointless stadium non-drama diatribe is killing me!!

@Sarahsreading: Is disappointed to say I know very little about the upcoming #YQR election. Shouldn't people be knocking on my door or something? #voting

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Karl Urban stars as the dystopian supercop Judge Dredd in Dredd 3D. HANDOUT

Dredd 3D might make you a Belieber

Bloodbath. Gory movie's score stems from Justin Bieber song played 800 times slower

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Based on the cult British comic books, director Pete Travis's go-for-broke big screen bloodbath Dredd 3D is set to level theatres this Friday.

Starring Karl Urban (Doom, Lord of the Rings) as the titular dystopian supercop, Judge Dredd, shielded by a mask and with full authority to execute evildoers, the film sets up its story like a classic western.

Once Dredd and his rookie sidekick Anderson (Olivia Thirlby) are trapped inside the Peachtree slum by the psychotic drug lord Ma Ma (Lena Headey in a ferocious performance) Dredd must fight for his life by mowing down hundreds of baddies out for his blood.

And though the film is jet black and brutally gory, it is not without its humor says writer Alex Garland (28 Days Later, Never Let Me Go).

"There is humor in Dredd," Garland told Metro immediately preceding its Toronto premiere at TIFF.

"He never smiles. But he does crack jokes. How Karl pitches and delivers that joke is the secret of the performance. He takes the piss. He has an ultra bone dry sense of humour."

Bloodshed, black humour and a bigger body count than Saving Private Ryan aside, there is a beauty and majesty to the film, a bleak poetry — especially evident in its balletic 3D design — that is accentuated by a remarkable meditative electronic score by composer Paul Leonard-Morgan.

Surprisingly, that score stems from an unlikely source: Justin Bieber!

"Geoff Barrow from Portishead is a Dredd fan and he and over the years he'd been putting together music he wrote and put it together as an album called Drokk. Drokk is a swear word in the Dredd books. Anyway, when we were done shooting I showed Geoff an early cut of the film, and he pointed me towards this software he found that makes music run 800 times slower, just like the "slo-mo" drug does to its victims in the movie. He sent me a link to a Justin Bieber song slowed down 800 times and it became this stunning trippy choral music. The whole movie was temped to Justin Bieber, in fact. Paul recreated that Bieber music on his own and slowed it down 800 times and we use that in the movie."

To hear that original Bieber temp music, go to YouTube and search "Justin Bieber 800%". And then get out to a theatre to have your mind further blown by Dredd 3D this Friday.

'One last job' for Clint Eastwood

Trouble with the Curve. Veteran actor plays common movie character — one who takes one last gig before retirement

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Over the course of dozens of movies, Clint Eastwood has played everything from cops and criminals to journalists and radio announcers to cowboys and even an astronaut.

This weekend in Trouble with the Curve he's playing a character he's never tried before — sort of.

He's a baseball scout who brings his daughter (Amy Adams) along as he recruits new players. It's his first baseball movie, but it isn't the first time he's played this kind of role — a man on the proverbial one last job.

The person who comes out of retirement, or takes on one last gig before hanging up his or her spurs, is a common movie character.

Blade Runner, Gone in Sixty Seconds, The Usual Suspects and The Wild Bunch all feature people going in for one last kick at the can.

In Eastwood's case it's a case of real life paralleling art to an extent. After Gran Torino, Eastwood announced his retirement from acting, but was coaxed back for one last acting job by his long time collaborator Robert Lorenz, who makes his directing debut with this movie.

Eastwood's most famous "one last job" film is Unforgiven. He plays William Munny, an aging gunman who tried unsuccessfully to go straight and lead a normal life. "I'm just a fella now," he says. "I ain't no different than anyone else no more."

But when he finds himself broke he saddles up one more time, reluctantly bringing along his old partner Ned (Morgan Freeman) to gun down some bad guys for money. "Just 'cause we're goin' on this killing, that don't mean I'm gonna go back to bein' the way I was. I just need the money, to get a new start for them youngsters."

At the time Eastwood said this would be the last movie that he would both perform in and direct, but has gone on to act in and direct many more, including the "one last time" movie Space Cowboys.

In front of the camera Clint is Frank Corvin, a retired rocket pilot called back into service when NASA finds they have a problem that only he can solve.

He recruits his old compatriots — Tommy Lee Jones, Donald Sutherland and James Garner — for one last journey into space.

NASA offered use of their "vomit comet" plane for the weightless scenes, but Eastwood said no, thinking the older actors couldn't handle the physical stress of zero gravity.

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Captain America gets new job title in Marvel's Ultimate Comics universe: Mr. President

Robert Pattinson ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Robert Pattinson taking Kristen Stewart back

Not even a cheating scandal can keep Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson apart, as sources tell the Sun that the Twilight co-stars are back together.

"They pretty much decided they couldn't live without each other. Kristen poured her heart out to Robert and told him it was a one-off and a mistake," a source says of Stewart's being caught cheating with her Snow White and the Huntsman director, Rupert Sanders. "Rob sees it as Kristen made a really stupid mistake. After a lot of long tearful talks, they've worked it out."

The couple, who will be making the publicity rounds for the final Twilight movie starting next month, are laying low while they can, though.

"For now they are focusing on themselves," the source says.

Shaun White

White face plants after rough night out

Snowboarder and Olympic gold medalist Shaun White was reportedly arrested for public intoxication in a hotel in Nashville, according to TMZ, though he was briefly hospitalized before heading to jail.

White reportedly trashed his hotel room, and when hotel staff confronted him, he set off several fire alarms and attempted to flee on foot, eventually falling and sustaining a head injury.

After receiving medical treatment, he was booked on counts of public intoxication and vandalism.

METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Six shades of possible stars

THE WORD
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Author E L James knows who she wants in the film adaptation of her bonkers-popular 50 Shades trilogy, but she's still not telling.

On Monday's Katie, James told host Katie Couric she's narrowed it down to seven actors to fill the roles of Ana Steele and Christian Grey but no contracts are signed — yet.

"It's a sort of collaborative effort. There's a studio. There's a production company. There's two producers and at some point there's going to be a director, so I'm sure everyone will have an input into that. I have three people who could play Christian," she told Couric. "And I think four who could play Ana, and I'm not going to tell you any of them."

Just who should star in the sure-to-be blockbuster film? We have a few suggestions:

CHRISTIAN GREY

1. Alexander Skarsgård
Eric the vampire gets my vote to play the billionaire playboy but will he accept the nomination? The role would make Skarsgård a household name, akin to Jennifer Lawrence in The Hunger Games, but might be too low-brow for the actor who seems to be trying to establish a serious film career. That said, he has no qualms about appearing shirtless covered in blood in the increasingly campy True Blood, so who knows?

2. Ian Somerhalder
Yes, another vampire, the one from Vampire Diaries. Somerhalder's name has been thrown around more than most others. That, or else his publicists are really good at making it seem like he is a frontrunner.

3. Philip Seymour Hoffman
Wildcard!

ANASTASIA STEELE

1. Emma Watson
Watson's name pops up again and again for the role and for good reason. She can already carry a huge franchise and she's chomping at the bit for more "adult" roles. And what is more adult than being tied up and whipped in the red room of pain?

2. Anna Kendrick
As witnessed in Up in the Air, Kendrick plays young and vulnerable extremely well. She could also bring a much-needed gravitas to the admittedly unrealized flimsy character. Kendrick could maybe — maybe! — even make lines like, "Christian, you are the state lottery, the cure for cancer, and the three wishes from Aladdin's lamp all rolled into one" sound, well, plausible.

3. Betty White
Just another peg in Betty White's eternal global domination.

Kate Middleton

Royals awarded injunction for topless pics

Kate Middleton and her husband, Prince William, have won their first court victory in the wake of Closer magazine publishing topless photos of Middleton, according to the Guardian.

A French court has ordered an injunction preventing any further use of the images by the publication. The photos must be handed over within 24 hours, and the magazine's publishing company will be fined $13,000 a day if it publishes more of them or sends them to a third party. A criminal investigation has been launched to see if the magazine violated William and Kate's privacy by publishing the photos. A guilty verdict could lead to jail time for Closer's editor.

Amanda Bynes

Bynes' batty behaviour continues

As stories of her erratic behaviour mount, Amanda Bynes apparently has no plans to enter rehab despite reports earlier this week saying that she would. After having her car impounded Sunday, Bynes has been using taxis and car services to run errands around town, including a shopping trip where witnesses say she locked herself in a dressing room and "wouldn't stop talking to herself."

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I can feel the phoenix rising.

@NathanFillion
Never read your reviews. Sage advice. ...well, off to find some reviews.

@CarrieFFisher
Guy who made anti-Islam video is allegedly porn director and former PCP maker. He gives ex-drug dealers a bad name.

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I'm in that "not fully awake yet, state." Give me a head's up if I need to be.

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5 WAYS TO ROUSE YOUR SPIRIT AND YOUR SENSES

Push the boundaries and try these five mind-blowing activities. We call it pure sensory overload.

DISCOVERY: WHITE WATER RAFTING

There is nothing like the feeling of plunging into wild rapids on a raft, paddling as hard as you can while cold water sprays up around you.

"It's fun, fast and furious," is how one visitor described the Nahanni River in the Northwest Territories as it rushes 322 kilometres through a deep river canyon. The mountain peaks and landscapes along the way are spectacular and include caves, hot springs and mist zones. You may see moose, mountain goats, bald eagles and bears. And one breathtaking stop is Virginia Falls, where the river cascades down cliffs that are almost twice the height of Niagara Falls.

HEIGHTENED EXPERIENCE: RIDE THE BEST ROLLER-COASTER

The X2 wing-shaped roller-coaster at Six Flags Magic Mountain in California zooms around at more than 20 storeys high at speeds sometimes approaching 129 kilometres per hour. All the while the seats, which extend off the track, rotate riders head over heels, forward and backwards. The train climbs to an extreme height while riders face the wrong direction, then it falls in reverse — all to a blistering rock soundtrack and flame-throwers bursting overhead.

"Forget what you have ridden before. The X2 will have you grabbing the handlebar grips for dear life."

DRAMATIC: RACE AN INDY CAR

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Sky diving is definitely not for sissies. You are up more than 10,000 feet, outfitted in all the special gear, and once the pilot reaches the "drop zone," you simply walk out of the door of the plane… and free fall for more than a minute. Then it's time to pull the cord and open the parachute … and float down to Earth.

"Free-falling is a combination of sheer excitement and crazed amazement at viewing the world from the sky."

PUSHING BOUNDARIES: DIVE INTO A BLOWHOLE

Blowhole diving is a rush — literally. You jump or dive into a naturally created hole or crevice in rock and then let your body get sucked by the current out into the ocean. The more advanced blowholes in Hawaii carry you through tunnels forged over thousands of years of erosion. First-timers, pack your bags for Laguna Beach.

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World of wonder

Considering a cruise but not sure which one is right for you? Worried about getting on a ship that caters too much to adults, or too kids? Six days spent aboard the Disney Wonder from Vancouver to San Francisco and Los Angeles proved to be the perfect choice for all age groups, from young families with toddlers to retirees who left their grandchildren at home — on purpose. Here are the best activities families, kids and adults can do on a Disney Cruise Line ship from morning until night.

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Disney characters keep the kids entertained. PHOTOS: HANDOUT

Get some quiet time at the adult pool.

Nightly entertainment gets the family involved.

	Children	Adults	The whole family
Morning	Infants and toddlers are welcome at Flounder's Reef Nursery and children between ages three and 10 are treated to crafts, games, dancing, science experiments and face painting in the Oceaneer club or lab.	Start the day with a relaxing hot stone massage, soothing facial or therapeutic seaweed wrap at the ship's Vista Spa. Discounts on various treatments are offered daily. If watching your waistline is important, the ship's gym features the latest equipment, exercise classes and personal trainers. Prefer the outdoors? There's a track and three laps around the ship equals one mile.	It's difficult to focus on pancakes when Mickey, Minnie, Pluto and friends are posing for photos with each guest at their table during the character breakfast. Often the first time children get to meet their favourite Disney character in the flesh, it's a special moment that will create a lasting memory, so don't miss out.
Afternoon	Tweens between the ages of 11 and 14 have their very own hangout called Edge, where they can play video games and learn about animation or how to cook their favourite meals.	Grab a beach towel and settle in on a deck chair at the Quiet Cove Pool, which is for passengers over 18. A private bar for adults is poolside and servers are only too happy to whip up your favourite cocktail. Another popular spot is the Cove Cafe, where you can sip a gourmet coffee while reading a magazine or simply enjoy the ocean view.	Hit the pool deck for a chance to swim while watching a classic Disney movie on a gigantic outdoor television screen. With the kids entertained, parents can relax on a nearby lounge chair or tuck into a good book.
Evening	Night owls between 14 and 17 years old can hang out at Vibe until the wee hours with tons of activities to keep them entertained including Guitar Hero, singing karaoke and trivia games. Movie buffs can head down to the theatre to see films in 3D.	Dining at Palo is worth the splurge. This adults-only restaurant is on the ship's top deck and the menu features scrumptious northern Italian cuisine. Be sure to make a reservation and pack a formal outfit as this meal will be your dining — and perhaps even your cruise — highlight.	From pirate-themed dance parties on deck to award-winning productions in the ship's theatre, the nightly entertainment on board a Disney Cruise Line is a must-do for families. The shows feature popular characters including Peter Pan and Ariel and depict the classic themes and lessons that made Disney a household name.

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Beer and wine will be on the menu when the Magic Kingdom's new restaurant opens later this year in Disney's Magic Kingdom

Warming cocktails to fall for this season

JOE HOWELL OF THE SPOKE CLUB

September: Blue Crush

You aren't supposed to wear white after Labour Day, but that doesn't mean you have to retire the summer cocktails. It's going to be a long winter, so keep the patio vibe alive with this drink. It's a cousin to the ever-popular mojito, but looks more like the ocean at night.

In Collins glass, muddle small handful of blueberries with a few mint leaves and lime wedges. Fill with ice, and add:

- 1.25 oz Skyy Vodka
- 0.5 oz Xaica Hibiscus Liqueur
- 2 oz fresh, tart lemonade

Stir drink, and top with splash of dry sparkling wine (about 1.5 oz); garnish with sprig of mint.

ALL DRINKS BY JOE HOWELL, HEAD BARTENDER AT TORONTO'S THE SPOKE CLUB (THESPOKECLUB.COM)

October: The Maple Heist

A sip of this deceptively simple drink, and you might understand why thieves stole $30 million worth of syrup in August. There's still plenty in stores, though, which is something to be thankful for. And don't let the eggs and syrup combo fool you — we don't encourage drinking this at breakfast. (If egg whites weird you out, omit them.)

- 1.5 oz Gibson's Finest 100th Grey Cup Edition (maple rye whisky)
- 1 oz pure lemon juice
- 0.5 oz maple syrup
- 0.25 oz egg whites

Combine all ingredients in a shaker, and shake without ice. Add scoop of ice and shake again, and strain into a rocks glass. Garnish with cranberries that have macerated in simple or maple syrup.

November: Ginger-Pear Snap

People tend to be a little down about November. Even the hardiest of Canadians are off the patios by now, but look on the bright side: It's whisky weather! It should also be a good time for locally-grown pears. Think globally, drink locally, right? The Wiser's Spiced has a vanilla flavour that goes well with the other flavours here, and makes for a cocktail that will appeal even to those who shy away from dark liquors.

In shaker, muddle lemon zest with a small pieces of peeled ginger. Fill with ice, add:

- 1 oz Wiser's Spiced Whisky
- 2 oz pure pear juice
- dash of simple syrup

Shake and strain into a Collins glass, and garnish with a slice of ripe pear.

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Hands-on before the year is up

Co-op your way to a career. How to build the foundation of your future in engineering

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The figures are showing that engineering is no longer for boys only. ISTOCK

Working in a paid position to support the costs of university while gaining relevant work experience to add to your resumé makes co-op programs for engineering a win-win situation.

Alternating work terms with school terms, engineering co-op programs allow engineering students to get into the workplace and experience different roles while working toward earning their degree at the same time.

Why should engineering students do co-op?

Program coordinators and graduates alike are not short on praise for engineering co-op programs.

Sheenagh Brooks, co-op coordinator of civil engineering at the University of British Columbia strongly believes in the co-op program because it gives engineering students a chance to try out different fields before committing to one.

She says classroom education is only paper and theory, but co-op programs allow students to get out into the workplace where they can actually apply it.

"The main thing," Brooks says, "is they think they want to go on this route, but when they get out there and try it they realize (something else) is the type of work they really want to do. It makes them realize what they first wanted to do, they don't really want to do."

Co-op makes it possible to confirm these decisions in a very informed way. It also gives students an opportunity to network and improve upon their interview skills before graduating.

Denver Jermyn, a graduate from the biological engineering co-op program at the University of Guelph, says the greatest benefit of co-op is "gaining experience and networking contacts before graduating. Most people graduate without any experience in their field at all, whereas I already had 16 months of work experience."

Training

Training in engineering co-op is usually "learn as you go," according to Jermyn, who worked in co-op positions such as a brewing assistant, surveyor for an airport and a consultant for the Canadian Standards Association, providing technical support to carbon management companies in Europe.

"Usually I had a supervisor who would delegate tasks and review all of my work before approving it," he says. "Training was pretty informal most of the time."

Will Fulcher, a graduate from the civil engineering program at the University of Waterloo, completed his co-op in fields such as engineering consulting as a lab technician, engineering design as a steel manufacturer, construction management in commercial construction, and engineering management dealing with power generation.

He had similar training experiences: "The co-op programs didn't really have any formal training in my experience, but you acquire a new set of skills at each one. I found that what you get out of the jobs is up to you. The real benefit is working with people of your profession and learning from them what you can. I find that it is a day to day experience finding tasks and learning how to complete them."

Work/life balance

Participating in co-op will add an extra year to your schooling, making it a five-year degree. The terms are generally four months of work and four months of class, sometimes back-to-back of the same. This means you will always be working or in school, which can be seen as a negative aspect when it comes to your social life and freedom, but definitely a positive one when it comes to your resumé and future career aspirations.

Jermyn says, "Co-op does involve more work, I had to take an extra course for co-op for one semester and then you are always job searching while trying to do school work at the same time, but in my opinion it is totally worth it."

He adds, "For engineering students, up to 12 months of your co-op work can count toward the 48 months of engineering experience you need to become a professional engineer. So that's also a bit of a bonus."

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Stats of success

An eye on engineers

- 206,300 Canadian workers were registered as members of Engineers Canada in 2008, and reports estimate that number has since grown.
- As senior engineers begin to retire, the number of jobs that will be open for new hires each year will be approximately 4004.
- Girl power! Although engineering is notorious for being a boys' club, times are changing. Approximately 1 in 5 engineering students in Canada is female.
- According to Statistics Canada, the job prospects for engineers in the coming years are "good."
- Mining engineers in particular are experiencing the most employment growth (2.5 per cent) and also have the highest average annual salary ($92,479).

Take this to the bank

It pays to choose the co-op route

- Engineering co-op students at the University of British Columbia earn an average monthly salary of $2600-$3500, depending on whether they're at a junior, intermediate or senior level, and which discipline of engineering they are studying.

Resumé on the run

"Most people graduate without any experience in their field at all, whereas I already had 16 months of work experience."

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KHL acceptance not a given for top NHL talent

NHL. First overall pick in NHL 2012 draft has move to Russia delayed by red tape

Locked-out NHLers making their exodus to Russia and its wads of easy money hit their first road block on Tuesday: transfer cards.

The IIHF failed to issue a transfer card to Russian Nail Yakupov, the first overall pick in the 2012 draft and a member of the Sarnia Sting, so he could play with Neftekhimik of the KHL.

"The IIHF is not allowing Yakupov to play. The transfer card has not been sent from Switzerland (the IIHF headquarters)," Neftekhimik director Rafik Yakubov told Sovetsky Sport.

An IIHF transfer card is needed for any player participating in any tournament under the IIHF umbrella.

While Yakupov's debut in the KHL may only be delayed by what sounded like red tape, other NHLers may face the same problem now that they have begun their journey across the Atlantic.

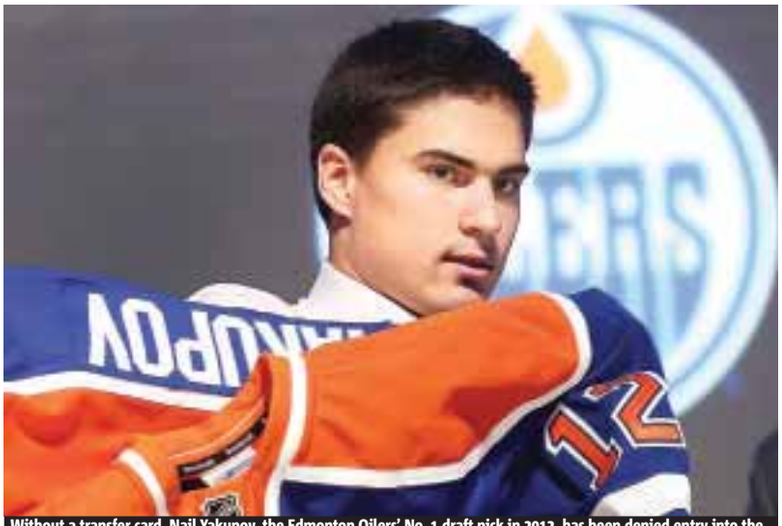
There didn't seem to be any issues with Ilya Kovalchuk of the New Jersey Devils, who signed with SKA St. Petersburg. Kovalchuk, who inked a record 15-year, $100 million US contract with New Jersey in 2010, was expected to make close to $8 million in St. Petersburg if he plays the full season for SKA.

He joined Evgeni Malkin of the Pittsburgh Penguins, who signed with Metallurg Magnitogorsk on Sunday, in the Russian-based league. Maple Leafs forward Nikolai Kulemin is also joining Magnitogorsk.

Returning home

Alex Ovechkin is expected to sign a lucrative deal with Moscow Dynamo, a coup for the ambitious Kontinental Hockey League.

- Formed three years ago with the help of Russian President Vladimir Putin, the league has jumped at the chance to recruit some of the world's best players, hoping it would help the fast-growing league emerge from the shadows of the NHL.



Without a transfer card, Nail Yakupov, the Edmonton Oilers' No. 1 draft pick in 2012, has been denied entry into the KHL. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES FILE

The Russian league has repeatedly stated that it wants to bring only the best players from the NHL, imposing strict eligibility rules for those looking to move across the Atlantic.

To be eligible, a player must have either previous KHL experience, played no fewer than 150 NHL games over the last three seasons, or represented his country at one of the last two world championships or the Olympics.

Each KHL team is also restricted to signing only three NHL players, with Magnitogorsk, coached by ex-Maple Leafs coach Paul Maurice, becoming the first to use up its quota. Sergei Gonchar is with Magnitogorsk.

Not everyone is going to Russia. Players from Quebec may set up some style of "Caravan" league, playing exhibition games for charity throughout the province, said agent Allan Walsh.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

No regrets for Mitchell ahead of Eskimos game

Khalif Mitchell celebrates after sacking Montreal Alouettes quarterback Anthony Calvillo Sept. 8 in Vancouver. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Khalif Mitchell is expressing no regrets as he gets ready to face Simeon Rottier and the Edmonton Eskimos again.

The two are expected to clash Saturday as Mitchell's Lions (8-3) visit the Eskimos (5-6) in the Alberta capital. The last time the B.C. Lions defensive lineman battled Edmonton, in a July loss at B.C. Place Stadium in July, he twisted Rottier's arm awkwardly after a play in the first half and received a two-game suspension.

"It's football — it happens," said Mitchell after practice Tuesday. "It was something that happened. I already was given a discipline and served it, so I'm not worried about it no more."

Rough reception?

Mitchell is not expecting a hostile response from the Eskimos or their fans, contending he would have received one in the second half of the previous meeting.

Mitchell was not penalized during the game, but CFL commissioner Mark Cohon decided to hand him the longest suspension for an in-game incident. Mitchell launched an appeal that delayed his punishment, but the arbitration case was unsuccessful.

Rottier was immediately sidelined with an elbow injury but is now back on Edmonton's roster.

Mitchell, a 27-year-old who is in his third season with the Lions, said he will take his usual "tough" approach to the game at Commonwealth Stadium.

"I'm not scheming any players," he said. "I'm not going to do nothing crazy. I've gotta go against their whole offence."

Rottier has expressed forgiveness publicly for Mitchell. The Lion said he had communication with Rottier during a disciplinary hearing with Cohon, but Mitchell does not see a need to speak to him again about the incident.

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NBA

"I don't know if I'm the face of the franchise just yet.... I'm just trying to get to know the guys."

Rockets guard Jeremy Lin who drew a horde of media for his first workout in Houston on Tuesday, evidence that Linsanity has plenty of life left in it.

NFL

Bills' castoff Young 'needs a job'

Six years after entering the NFL, Vince Young finds himself without a team and with just a fraction of the money he received from a contract that guaranteed him $26 million.

In an increasingly caustic war of words, attorneys have been arguing for months over whether Young is an out-of-control spender or simply a victim of inexperienced advisers. The quarterback whose future once seemed unlimited is now in a tenuous financial condition.

"I would just say that Vince needs a job," said Trey Dolezal, Young's attorney, when asked to give a general assessment of his client's finances. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Vince Young was cut by the Buffalo Bills, his third NFL team, in August. GETTY IMAGES FILE

NHL

Panthers start laying-off staff

The Florida Panthers announced the layoffs of an unknown number of staff members Tuesday, only the third full day of the NHL's lockout. The Ottawa Senators have also announced cuts to team staff. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

4 SPORTS

Mobile sports

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After a remarkable year on the links, world No. 1 Rory McIlroy is now "a marked man." "He's right now the present day Tiger Woods," tour veteran Jim Furyk said ahead of this week's Tour Championship.

Sports in pictures

Manning says decisions, not neck to blame for poor game

NFL. Broncos QB appears to have lost some zip on his throws

Even while he was trying to tamp down expectations, Peyton Manning couldn't have envisioned this scene playing out.

Three times, the Broncos quarterback dropped back to pass. Three times, he threw into a seam near the numbers down the right side of the field.

Three times, a defensive back followed Manning's eyes, cut over and turned whatever small opening the quarterback had seen into an interception.

All that in the first quarter alone. Those early interceptions against Atlanta on Monday night matched the most turnover-riddled quarter of football Manning has played in his 15-year career. They put Denver into too big of a hole to dig out of in what turned into a 27-21 loss.

Asked after the game if the interceptions had more to do with his surgically repaired neck or his decision making, Manning wasted no time.

"Decision making," he said.

But there was some zip missing on some of those intermediate-distance passes and there were a few wobblers mixed in there, as well, including on his lone touchdown pass, to Demaryius Thomas near the end of the first half.

Coach John Fox said Manning was not on the injury report when the team returned home Tuesday. Certainly, though, the Broncos would love to avoid putting him in these situations on a regular basis.

Faced with the early deficit and forced to drop back to pass 40 times, Manning was sacked three of those times and hit six more, including once when Falcons linebacker John Abraham grabbed the inside of the back of his jersey and yanked him down from behind.

Manning finished 24 for 37 for 241 yards with a touchdown and three interceptions. His quarterback rating: 58.5. Clearly not what the Broncos were thinking when they landed the most coveted free agent in the history of the league.

He did, of course, settle down and rally the Broncos to within a score at the end.

Not surprising, then, that unlike last season, when Kyle Orton and Tim Tebow were the Broncos starters, this bad performance isn't triggering a full-scale analysis of what's right and wrong with the quarterback position in Denver — at least not from the coach.

"I think there's a couple of throws he'd like to have back or maybe to have gone a different direction," Fox said. "But it wasn't about one guy."

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"Really, three poor decisions, three throws into coverage. I just have to be able to eliminate those."

Broncos quarterback Peyton Manning

Peyton Manning runs off the field after the Denver Broncos lost 27-21 to the Atlanta Falcons, Monday, in Atlanta, Ga.

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Falcon back in trouble

Turner charged with DUI

Atlanta Falcons running back Michael Turner was jailed on charges of drunken driving and speeding early Tuesday, just hours after he scored a touchdown in the team's win over the Denver Broncos.

Turner, 30, of Suwanee, Ga., was booked into the Gwinnett County jail in metro Atlanta just after 5 a.m. Turner spent barely two hours behind bars before he was released on $2,179 bond, jail records showed.

A Gwinnett County police officer pulled over Turner's black Audi R8 on Interstate 85 northeast of Atlanta after clocking the car at 156 kph — 51.5 kph over the speed limit, said Cpl. Edwin Ritter, a police spokesman. Ritter said the officer arrested Turner after a field sobriety test.

"First and foremost, any time a player sheds negatively on our football team and on our organization, we are very disappointed," coach Mike Smith said. "This is a legal matter, and it's very well-defined how we have to proceed with it through the league, and we'll let this process run its course." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

1 NBA. Raps bring back Magloire

The Toronto Raptors have re-signed Canadian centre Jamaal Magloire, retaining a veteran presence in the middle to complement oncoming rookie Jonas Valanciunas. Magloire is the first Canadian-born player in the club's history.

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2 Soccer. Ronaldo fires Madrid past City

Cristiano Ronaldo had the last word in a wild shootout against Manchester City, scoring in the 90th minute Tuesday as Real Madrid came back for a 3-2 victory in a Champions League opener where all five goals came late.

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3 CFL. Als' Whitaker out for season

Montreal Alouettes running back Brandon Whitaker is out for the rest of the season with a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee.

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'That's a lot of games': Reds' Baker manages 3,000th

Dusty Baker reached another milestone in his long major league career Tuesday night when he managed his 3,000th game, guiding the Cincinnati Reds against one of his former teams, the Chicago Cubs.

"I'm just glad that out of the 3,000 games, I won more than we've lost," said the 63-year-old Baker, who had a 1,572-1,426 record before Tuesday's game and also managed one tie game in 2002.

"That's a lot of games. That's not as many as some, but I still got quite a few games left in me," he said.

At 19th on the career list, Baker isn't even halfway to Connie Mack. Mack is tops at 7,755 games managed.

Baker began his managerial career in 1993 with the San Francisco Giants and led them to the World Series in his final season there in 2002.

He took over the Cubs in 2003 and got them within five outs of the World Series before a major collapse against the Florida Marlins in the NLCS. After a 66-win season in 2006, Chicago did not renew his contract.

Since 2008, he's been running the Reds and has Cincinnati in position to win its second NL Central title in three years.

The 63-year-old Baker began his playing career in 1968 with Atlanta when he was 19 years old and finished up in 1986. He played in 2,039 games and 40 more in the playoffs.

"Things have gone fairly well. I played a long time, I've managed probably equal or longer than I played and I didn't have any idea I was going to be doing this after my playing days," said Baker.

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"I just want to clinch it, then go on to step two and hopefully step three and then step four and then go home."

Manager Dusty Baker on his Reds clinching the NL Central Division. Cincinnati's magic number over the St. Louis Cardinals in the division was five going into play on Tuesday night at Wrigley Field.

Soccer

Lawmakers urge further action to combat racism in British soccer

Soccer authorities need to do more to combat racism in the British game and urge candidates from ethnic backgrounds to apply for prominent roles in the sport, a government report said Wednesday.

The report, published by the British Culture, Media and Sport Committee, criticized clubs for lacking a transparent way of reporting incidents of racist behaviour at the same time as praising the improvement in atmosphere at matches compared to the 1970s and '80s.

"Much has been done to improve the atmosphere and behaviour at football matches and it has become a much more family-friendly activity," said lawmaker John Whittingdale, chair of the committee. "However, recent incidents of racist abuse in the UK, both on and off the pitch, have highlighted the fact that there remain significant problems."

High-profile racism cases involving Chelsea defender John Terry and Liverpool striker Luis Suarez blighted English soccer last season.

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John Terry of Chelsea during a training session on Tuesday.

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Like the Aura? Opt for the non-hybrid

Second Gear.
2007 to 2009
Saturn Aura

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Saturn launched the Aura just a few years ahead of their demise as a brand. The mid-sized sedan was highly rated by owners and reviewers alike — thanks in part to riding a European-designed Opel platform and offering great ride quality and handling reflexes.

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Common Issues

A clunking or grinding sound, or a rough sensation while steering, could indicate a well-known problem with a steering shaft.

A dealership performing a pre-purchase inspection will be familiar with the problem and how to check for its presence. Listen for any squealing or 'clicking' sounds during steering at low speeds, which could also reference this issue.

Engine

Four or six-cylinder engines were available, as was a hybrid-powered variant, which should typically be avoided.

What Owners Like

Many owners report a quiet, solid and smooth ride, premium driving feel, good overall design and good fuel mileage. Styling is rated highly on all models, too.

What Owners Dislike

Some Aura owners wish for more comfortable seats, a rear-seat arm-rest, more at-hand storage and bigger cupholders.

Verdict

Most of Aura's commonly-reported issues seem fairly easy to detect and repair. Standard (non-hybrid) powertrains look to be solid and reliable, too. A well-maintained four-cylinder model will be your least-expensive bet to purchase and maintain.

Winter is coming

Be prepared.
Sorry to be so blunt, but the truth is that those frigid months are on their way, so you better make sure your car is ready

Winter is a beautiful time to experience Canada. Unfortunately, it can also be a dangerous time, particularly when you are driving. Icy roads can be treacherous, and a dead battery can leave you stranded.

"Keeping your car in top form is especially important in winter," says Jeff Burke, president & CEO at Western Financial Group, an organization with services to protect individuals and families in this part of Canada. "Inspect your vehicle thoroughly before heading out onto the road, and make sure you have adequate insurance coverage."

Car Care Canada's website shares these winter maintenance tips:

Check the battery
If it is four years old or older, have it checked at a service station to make sure it will start in bitter temperatures.

Check the fluids
Top up power-steering, brake and transmission fluid; oil; and antifreeze/coolant. (Antifreeze/coolant should be flushed and refilled every two years or 50,000 kilometres.) Replace your windshield fluid with one specially formulated to cut through ice and snow.

Consider winter weight oil
Consult your owner's manual to see if a winter weight oil is recommended for cold months, and remember to change your oil every 5,000 kilometres.

Check the function of your heater, defroster, lights and windshield wipers
Replace your wiper blades every six months, and consider the added power of winter blades.

Change to snow tires
Traction is essential when you are driving on snow and ice. Winter tires offer traction, peace of mind and — often — a discount on your car insurance premium.

Repair cracks or dings in your windshield
Freezing temperatures can turn small nicks into gaping cracks that destroy your windshield. Have them repaired before it's too late.

Keep your gas tank at least half full

Winter tires have tread grooves that are designed for traction. ISTOCK

A fuller tank resists moisture/ice formation inside your gas line.

Be well-equipped
Keep these items in your vehicle in case of emergency: snow brush/ice scraper, booster cables, flashlight, first-aid kit, blanket, extra clothes, bottled water, snacks and necessary medications.

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♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
No matter how good the deal you are being offered, you must think twice about it. In fact, the more others say it is an opportunity that is too good to miss, the more likely it is they're trying to trick you.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
You can either go along with what other people expect of you, merely to keep them happy, or you can do what your conscience tells you is right, even though it might put friendships at risk. Only you can decide.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
You are torn between doing what you know to be right and doing what others expect you to do. Only you can decide which route to take, but maybe just this once you should be a bit selfish.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
The higher you climb, the more it will hurt if you fall. So, don't take anything for granted and don't take risks that can easily be avoided. Actions always have consequences, so wise up and go with the odds.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
You may wish you were somewhere else at the moment but you're not. You are where you are, and you have no choice but to see through what has been started. Be brave. It won't be as bad as you fear.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Your plans seem a bit vague at the moment but maybe that's no bad thing. Travel and social activities are likely to suffer from last minute setbacks today, but if you expect them they won't annoy you so much.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You would be wise not to make any decisions about what you own and what you earn. Things are unlikely to be as bad as they seem, so calm down and keep telling yourself that better days are coming soon.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Try not to be too pushy today because other people are unlikely to stand for it. Uranus, planet of changes, at odds with your ruler Pluto means that upheavals are inevitable. But who says they won't be good?

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You won't be much in the mood for socializing today. Don't let your friends persuade you that getting out and about will do you good, because it won't. Curl up on the sofa with a good book for company.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Even best friends have days when they don't get along and with major planets in discordant positions right now, there may be harsh words. Take none of it seriously.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You may think that a change of direction is what you need but you are advised not to make any moves yet because the planets are playing havoc with your ability to think straight. Minor adjustments only please.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Because you are bored, you may go over the top and do something outrageous. The consequences could be anything but amusing. Give yourself a challenge but make it one where you don't have to interact with other people.

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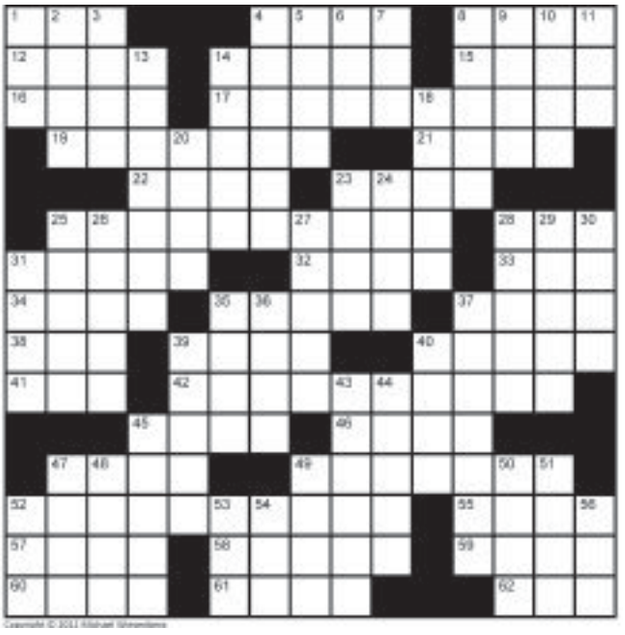
Crossword: Deja Vu

BY MICHAEL WIESENBERG



Across
1. Cheat (someone out of something)
4. Horn honk
8. Freeway exit
12. Homer Simpson's favourite bar
14. As ___: usually (2 wds.)
15. One of the Great Lakes
16. Foot covering
17. Canada's government
19. One of the Great Lakes
21. Where to find 7-Down
22. Boxing decisions, in brief
23. Circle around
25. Grammy and Juno award winning French-Canadian singer (2 wds.)
28. "Ten-hut!" yeller: Abbr.
31. Place of refuge
32. Salesmen, for short
33. ___ la la
34. Breezed through, as an exam
35. Architectural drawings
37. Place of refuge
38. Prohibition
39. Hockey disk
40. Canter and gallop
41. [Help!]
42. Efforts
45. Chooses
46. Perjurer
47. "___ oui!": certainly (Fr.)
49. Exchanged, as words, or, with "out," kicked around
52. Rainfall unit
55. Academic challenge
57. Ballet bend
58. Rock band rhythm providers
59. Dream: Fr.
60. Clairvoyant one
61. Talk back (to)
62. Place of refuge

Down
1. Chevys and Cads
2. BC National Park adjacent to Banff National Park
3. Lowly worker
4. Cook slowly in a covered pot
5. Currency of France or Italy
6. House wing
7. Maritime Province: initialism
8. Chart again
9. Greek counterpart of Mars (god of war)
10. After-dinner candy
11. Animal kept for companionship
13. Cleared one's debts
14. Culinary garb
18. A long, long time
20. Closely related (to)
23. Property claim held by a bank
24. "Uh oh"
25. Bean from which chocolate comes
26. Becomes balanced, with "out"
27. Admiral Sir Francis who circled the world in the16th century
28. Escalator alternative
29. Liberals, familiarly
30. Blackens the road
31. Montréal skaters, in the sports pages
35. Football kick
36. Digital readouts
37. PM Wilfrid
39. Coke alternative
40. Drive onward
43. Anti-theft-system components, often
44. Jungle growth
45. Edmonton NHL team member
47. 1,609 meters
48. "I cannot tell ___": George Washington (2 wds.)
49. A/C capacity measures
50. Crossed (out)
51. TV host Letterman
52. Canadian pols
53. Drs.
54. A time to remember
56. Chess or checkers pieces

Yesterday's Crossword

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See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

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		5		9				3
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	9						2	
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